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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 3810

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CROATIAN TERRORISTS

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1. EMBASSY HAS STRONG DOUBTS RE ADVISABILITY OF SUGGESTING THAT GOS INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADOR TO TRAVEL SOONEST TO PARAGUAY TO PRESS THE BARESIC EXTRADITION REQUEST, AS INSTRUCTED IN REF A. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH AN APPROACH HOLDS ALMOST NO LIKELIHOOD OF POSITIVE RESULTS, AND MAY INDEED PROVE TO BE DELETERIOUS TO EMBASSY RELATIONS WITH THE GOS.

2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT AT TIME OF INITIAL CONTACT WITH THE SWEDISH MFA ON THE BARESIC EXTRADITION (REF B), EMBASSY OFFICER CONVEYED THE INTEREST OF THE USG IN THIS CASE, AND POINTED OUT THAT THIS SEEMED LIKE A PROPITIOUS MOMENT TO PUSH THE EXTRADITION. AS EXPLAINED IN REF B, SWEDISH OFFICIAL THANKED US FOR OUR INTEREST AND TOLD US THAT SWEDES WOULD INDEED CONTINUE TO WORK ON THEIR EXTRADITION REQUEST.

3. APPARENT LACK OF PROGRESS ON THE PART OF THE GOS MAY BE DUE TO BUREAUCRATIC ENTANGLEMENTS, SINCE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SWEDES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CHANING AMBASSADORS IN

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MONTEVIDEO. ANOTHER LIKELY REASON FOR THE DELAY IS THAT THE GOS MAY NOT IN FACT BE VERY EAGER TO HAVE BARESIC RETURNED AND THUS MAKE ITSELF A TARGET FOR FUTURE TERRORIST ACTIONS SUCH AS THAT WHICH FREED HIM IN THE FIRST PLACE. SWEDES MAY BE CONTENT, FOR THE TIME BEING AT LEAST, TO LEAVE BARESIC IN A PARAGUAYAN JAIL, AND TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE GOP DOES WITH HIM.

4. WHATEVER THE SWEDISH ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE EXTRADITION OF BARESIC, THE GOS IS AWARE OF US INTEREST IN THE MATTER AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO HELP. GIVEN SWEDISH SENSITIVITY AS A SMALL NATION TO WHAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS "BIG POWER PRESSURE," IN EMBASSY'S OPINION GOS COULD WELL REGARD US SUGGESTION THAT IT SEND ITS AMBASSADOR AS BORDERING ON INTERFERENCE IN SWEDISH DIPLOMATIC POLICY. THUS, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A SECOND APPROACH IS NOT LIKELY TO YIELD ANY ADDITIONAL BENEFIT BEYOND THAT OF OUR FIRST CONTACT, AND COULD POSSIBLY BE RESENTED BY GOS.
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